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EDITORIAL.

THE re-organization, as proposed in our last issue, is at last an accomplished fact, and the UNDERGRADUATE is put upon an up-to-date business-like basis. The old system was antiquated; its defects had been long apparent, and it only needed a little concentrated effort to bring about an improvement in affairs. A full report of the re-organization and a copy of the new constitution is printed in another column and our readers can judge for themselves. The future of course can alone determine, but if the increased interest already shown in the endeavor to obtain these editorial positions is any criterion the change has already justified itself.

In this effort of regeneration the faculty have taken great interest, and realizing that faithful work upon a college paper is an education in itself, they have gladly granted the exemptions from the required work. With this support, and with a small responsible editorial board in charge, there is no reason why the UNDERGRADUATE cannot, in the near future, show an even greater advance than in the last few years. If it has the right kind of outside support, it will.

COLLEGE spirit is a principle which can be applied in many different ways, but in our case, to none more practical than a support of our college boarding hall. This institution was established for the purpose of furnishing board at the mere cost of material and labor, and with the help of the college which furnishes the building, the utensils and a substantial sum per week toward the payment of the expenses, it is possible for it to be even less than cost. But supposing that it is equal, or even a little more than equal, there is every reason why a man who merely considers his own interests in their fullest extent should support it unless in some way he is otherwise provided for. The presence and operation of this boarding hall has done one thing, if nothing more, and that is, it has brought down the price of board for college students at every place in town, and as long as they must compete with it, the price will stay down, *and no longer;* just as quick as by a shrewd and temporarily intense competition, combined with the short-sightedness of the men, the hall is forced to close, the others will take advantage of the clear field and the men will suffer accordingly. They all know that they are at a disadvantage and that it is only by some shrewd move as this that they can secure an equal chance. We know it sounds a little better to be boarding at a "hotel" or similar place, but a man with an eye to his own permanent interests, or certainly with a grain of college spirit, will not thus be led astray. If there is anything the matter with the present arrangement or management it can easily be remedied, and it is a poor man who will not put his shoulder to the wheel and do his share.

THE Business Manager reports considerable trouble with alumni subscribers over changes in their addresses. In many cases the first information of a change that his department receives is an indignant letter stating the non-receipt of several issues, and

making various comparisons and criticisms on the way the UNDERGRADUATE is managed. We admit that there has been abundant ground for that feeling in the past, but recent administrations have been conducted on a business-like basis, and with the improvements made in this last reorganization there will be little trouble of this sort in the future. If a subscriber changes his address without notifying us he cannot expect to receive his paper without trouble. The business manager is certainly not under obligation to search census reports or city directories to keep the list of subscribers' addresses up to date. *Notify him of the change*, and incidentally make a note of any personal items which may be of interest to our readers.

THE BURNING OF STARR HALL.

Starr Hall was burned Christmas Eve, 1864. It was during vacation and but few of the boys witnessed the destruction of their college habitation and furniture. I was one of those few. I had walked in that day from opposite Crown Point. The roads were, much of the way, impassable for teams from recent snows. In the early evening there were gathered at my room Geo. N. Flagg of Middlebury, then home from the U. S. Naval Academy, Thad Chapman,'66, from Hobart, and my brother, Abner, '66. All of us were in Middlebury for Christmas and met there by chance. As we were going to spend the evening at different places we arranged to meet, at a given hour, at the Addison House. We left a good, warm fire and a lighted lamp in my room. After services three of us, who had met, were going up the steps of the Addison House, when an alarm of fire was heard. From the west porch of the hotel we could easily see the light, the reflections from the fire showing clearly over the village. It was certain the college was burning. The other three boys went their way and I went mine, to the best of my ability, for the college, supposing, of course, that the fire had originated in my room. About all I now recall of that trip from the hotel to the college was the narrow, half tracked, soft path through the deep snow up through the college grounds; some of the time I was on my feet, but most of the time sprawling in the snow one side or the other of this narrow path, and all the time filled with thorough disgust for having walked about eighteen miles through snow drifts for apparently no other purpose than to destroy the college. It was not a pleasant line of thought nor line of march. I rushed up to my room at the top of the first flight of stairs in the north division of Starr Hall, exhausted and excited, and while I found everything just as we had left it, I couldn't even then believe that I hadn't burned the college; but the fire was in the extreme south end of the building, well under way. Soon ready hands were carrying out goods. My three companions had gone directly to the hose house, and they had a good, hard tug to bring the cart through the snow, and there was considerable loud talk and orders given with little authority to back them up, save such authority as strong purpose and pressing emergency gives. Everybody did his part well, but the hall burned. The other buildings were in great danger, as the wind blew from the southwest. All the students then in town and some of the professors spent the night watching.

I remember well cleaning out the room of my friend Collester,'65. It was the top room at the northeast corner of the building; he was not there, but we broke in the door, filled our arms with the first things at hand and lugged them down the stairs. It was hard work and we were tired. About as we reached the ground one practical fellow, to save time, threw some bedding out of a window of one of the rooms. We saw it and felt foolish at the thought of having lugged our loads down the stairs, and hustling ourselves back to the top story, raised a window and threw out every remaining article, and as good luck would have it, we didn't kill anybody. The rooms being cleared and the fire not yet having reached the north end, the doors and windows were carried out. One enthusiastic youth, with an axe in his hand, thought he would chop down the window casing of the outside door and save the side window sash. He hit a few clips, but the casing was firmly built and didn't yield. The fire was steadily approaching; determined to save the window sash, at least, from the fire he swung his axe, with a true woodsman's swing, and let drive at the window itself, smashing it to at ms, but he had saved it and was well pleased.

In the morning we found the walls of our recent college home still standing, with its windows like the eye-sockets of a skeleton head; little piles of furniture, books, papers, charred fire-brands, etc., were scattered over the grounds—a desolate scene. It was the opening of the bluest day I ever spent. At night I was about taking the stage for Bridport, and fell in with a soldier who was waiting for the same convey-

ance. From him I learned that my brother, Dwight, '64, had with him just been released from a rebel prison, and would be in Middlebury on the next train from New York. I didn't go to Bridport that night, nor did I sleep. Whether my school kept or not, or whether I slept, didn't matter. He, or the shadow of his former self, arrived in the afternoon of the following day—the longest, if not the happiest, day I ever spent. My trip through the snow was not, after all, for nothing. During the balance of the college year many of the students, myself among them (I was then a Freshman), had rooms in the old Academy building, which stood where the High School building now stands, and we had a good many lively times there. There were several of the Seniors and some Juniors also there. Altogether we kept a sort of an open-night-and-day, half-way house, and I think even the Seniors—the old and staid Seniors—had a pretty good time and remembered very kindly the old academy; and to me that old "rookery," which it ought to have been called, though it wasn't, has many pleasant associations. You will remember these were war times; not a few soldiers here and there, not now and then a death, but nearly every woman wore mourning in some form; and amid all the hilarity of those days there existed a weight of anxiety that cannot be understood in times of peace. The war spirit permeated everything. How well I remember the continuous ringing all day long of the little old academy bell, in unison with every other bell in town, including the factory bell, on the day following the surrender of Lee's army and Richmond in the spring of '65. There was no lack of enthusiasm that day, —nor night either, for that matter—through the village or the college; we "rang out the old and rung in the new" era with a will. War was over and peace was at hand; our college was burned, but our boys were soon to be home. Who cared what had been burned, or where he slept, or what he had to eat? There swept over the country a wave of rejoicing better expressed by tears than shouts, followed just one week later by a sorrow as universal and as deep —Lincoln had been killed. Such events leave their impress upon young minds and take in as a part of of themselves even the buildings they occupy at the time. It was in this old building that A. B. Shepard, '66, wrote the comedy (or tragedy) for the "Junior-Ex.," not only in the delivery but the composing of which several of his class took part. Considerable time and some money was spent before it was completed. "Shep," as he was called, was said to be a little dilatory in such enterprises. His name appeared on the program as the author of this dialogue, but it is doubtful if he then or now could tell how much of it he wrote, or when he wrote any of it. In this same room the late Judge J. S. Grinnell, '66, also wrote a part of the poem which he delivered at the same exhibition.

In the fall the new Starr Hall was completed and ready for the fall term; it was nice and clean, but the Class of '65 had gone. The regular order of things had been resumed, yet as fine as it evidently seemed to the incoming class, there was a void, a dreariness in the atmosphere, which to some of the boys was hard to endure.

I intended only to write of some of the incidents of the burning of Starr Hall. I have almost forgotten my subject and run off with the memories of what followed.

[We are very glad to obtain the above article from Albee Smith, a non-graduate member of the class of '68. We hope that other alumni may be inspired to write reminiscences of their college life. The nearness of the centennial makes all incidents of college history especially interesting.—EDITOR.]

LITERARY.

COLLEGE SEASONS.

As I stroll across the campus,
My glance is turned aside
By a bit of crimson paper,
And at another stride
I pick it up in wonder,
And read its legends all;
It is the broken wrapper
Of an "A. G. Spaulding" ball.
The air is somewhat balmy,
And the birds begin to sing,
And judging by my trophy,
The season must be Spring.

Again I pace the gravel
Of a winding college way,
And spy a scrap of paper,
Whose head lines plainly say:
"If you want to get rich easy,
And the way you fain would know,

Address for information,
The College Man's Book Co."
The air is warm and sultry,
That mosquito was a hummer,
And judging by my trophy,
The season must be Summer.

And once again at twilight,
I stroll adown the green
And this time "Ex. Witch Hazel"
On an empty flask is seen,
And it tells of wounds anointed,
But of no intemperate sin.
Who doesn't love th' excitement
Of the college man's "Pig-skin"?
The air is chill and misty,
The late birds, lonely, call,
And judging by my trophy,
The season must be Fall.

Again, while trudging mealward
Through frozen fluffy flakes,
A bit of paper tells me:
" 'Tis the kind a singer takes".
An S. B. Cough Drop wrapping
It was when in its prime,
The reason of its presence is,
It's College Glee Club time.
The air is cold and crispy,
The white flakes fall and glinter,
And judging by my trophy,
The season must be Winter.

W. M. B.

HORACE, LIB. I., OD. I.

Maecenas, issue of a kingly line,
O champion and sweet delight of mine,
There are who love to course th' Olympic plain,
To skirt the goal with glowing wheel, and gain
The longed for palm of victory, and its fame
Ennobling to the gods the victor's name.
The favor of the fickle Quirites
Rejoices one with three-fold dignities;
Another in his bins with gladness stores
The fruitful sweepings of the threshing floors.
Delighting in the low and menial toil,
Another gladly tills his household soil;
Nor could you lure him with Attalic gain
To cut with Cyprian keel, the western main.
The fearsome merchant, as he trembling braves
The storm-blast wrestling with th' Icarian waves,
Praises the quiet of his town—but still
Refits his shattered barks, untaught by ill.
There's one shuns not the bowl of Massic wine
And loves in wanton leisure to recline
Beneath the arbutus—or idly dream
Beside the fount of some soft-flowing stream.
Many delight in camps and mingled blare
Of trumpets and the ponoply of war
By mothers hated. 'Neath the wintry sky
The hunter, mindless of his bride, doth lie
To see his trusty hounds take unawares
The hind; or boar break thro' the cunning snares.
But me the ivy crowns; the poet loves
With gods above unite; the cooling groves
And Nymphs' and Satyrs' tuneful lays
Exalt from earth; if by Euterpe's grace
I tune my pipe, and thou dost not refuse
To string thy Lesbian lyre, O hymning Muse.
Aye rank me with the lyric bards instead,
And I will knock the stars with my exalted head.

R. L. C.

HORACE, LIB. I., OD. II.

Enough of snow and stinging hail
Doth now thine earth, fierce Jove, assail;
Thy gleaming hands with bolts prevail
To terrify our fountains.
The trembling folk, with gravest fears,
See visions of Deucalion years
When Proteus with flock appears
On peaks of lofty mountains.

The fish make sport in elms above,
Wherein once dwelt the peaceful dove,
And deer now swim where once they strove
'Neath green and leafy bowers.
We hear the tawny Tiber's roar;
With angry surge, from 'Truscan shore
He leaps—and see we nevermore
The sacred vestal towers.

There fall the pillars Numa had,
Avenger of sweet Rea, sad;
The foaming rivers, unforbad,
Change one course for another.
The youth, made rare by parents' lust,
Shall bear swords whetted of their rust—
Best would they be 'gainst Parthi thrust
Than brother against brother.

What god shall sinking state request?
How shall the Virgins' prayer expresst
Move Vesta, deaf to their behest,
To heed their patient wooing?
Whom shall great Jove as savior bid?
Apollo, thou, with shoulders hid
In clouds, we beg thee now to rid
Our land of evil doing.

Or thou, glad Venus, come to earth
With gods of love and gods of mirth;
Or Mars, the father of our birth,
If by our woes thou'rt bended,
Thou, pleased with noise and polished shield,
When bloody foe to Mauri yield,
If by thy sport thou'rt not congealed,
Thy sport too long extended.

If thou, fleet son of Maia kind,
Wilt leave thy wingedness behind,
In thee, for Cæsar, we shall find
The worthiest avenger.
Late mayst thou to Jove return,
The grateful praise of Romans earn;
O! do thou not our voices spurn
And sail away in grandeur!

Enjoy thou here thy triumphs great,
Content as father of the state;
Let not Meads ride insatiate
Our leader, O! our CAESAR!

W. M. B.

IN THE LIBRARY.

Winding stairs,
All enclosed;
Students met,
Faces rosed.

One a maid,
One a lad;
Narrow stairs;
He: "Egad

Tempting chance,
Face upturned."
He a dunce,
Had he spurned.

Ah! He stoops,—
Fleeting bliss
Up the stairs,—
Stolen kiss.

ALUMNI NEWS.

[Any alumni or others who have old programs, announcements or papers of college interest would confer a favor on the college by sending them to Prof. M. R. Sanford. In view of the coming centennial, it is desired to collect a series of articles which will be of interest to graduates and friends of the college.]

[Contributions to this column are solicited from the alumni of the college. We shall always be glad to hear from you. Literary articles, verse, but above all reminiscences and news of alumni are desired. We intend to make this department the prominent feature of the UNDERGRADUATE.]

[The alumni will render a great service to the management by notifying the Business Manager of a change of address, should there be any. We have several names whose changed address we have discovered by mere accident, and there may be others to whom we are sending papers wrongly directed. Such notification will also be of assistance to the editor in obtaining alumni news.]

'29. Hon. Robert Roberts, the successful candidate for mayor of Burlington in the last election, is a son of Hon. Daniel Roberts of the class of '29, who is one of our two oldest living alumni.

'43. We extend our sympathy to John C. Churchill of Oswego, N. Y., in the great loss he has sustained in the death of his wife, who has been his loving companion for over half a century.

'53. W. W. Walker died at his home in Burlington, Feb. 23. He had been in poor health for the past three years, but was confined to the house only about a week. We take the following sketch of his life from the Burlington *Free Press:*

"Mr. Walker was born in Ferrisburgh, Aug. 6, 1831, and was therefore 67 years of age. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1853 and for the next four years taught school in Palo Alto and Swansboro, N. C. He came to Burlington in 1857, studied law, was admitted to the bar and was a practicing attorney here when the war of the rebellion broke out. He enlisted in Company C., 13th Regiment Vt. Vols., Aug. 23, 1862, and was mustered out with the other members of the regiment July 14 of the following year. He then returned to Burlington and entered the employ of Van Sicklen & Walker, wholesale grocers, and two years later became a member of the firm. At this time he married Miss Charlotte Hogle of Fort Covington, N. Y. He became a member of the new firm of O. J. Walker & Bros. in 1877, continuing therein until 1896, since which time he devoted his attention to the Citizen's Coal company. Mr. Walker was one of Burlington's sterling business

men whose integrity was never questioned and one whom no city can afford to lose. A widow and five children survive him, Fred H., Hattie, Lillian, H. Henry and John."

'56. Right Rev. O. W. Whitaker was given the degree of LL. D. by the University of Pennsylvania at its last commencement. Dr. Whitaker has been Bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania since 1887.

'59. Rev. S. L. Blake has been in the ministry for some thirty-four years. In April he will complete his twelfth year as pastor of the First Church of Christ at New Haven, Conn. Mr. Blake has published some four books and has several more under way.

'60. Mr. William Sheldon Green died at his home in Sheldon, Vt., Thursday, March 23, after a sickness of several weeks with liver trouble. His age was 63 years. He leaves a wife, two daughters, Mrs. Hattie W. Wright and Miss Lou W. Green and a son, William T. Green, besides a host of friends who deeply mourn the loss of a good man who was respected by all. Mr. Green graduated at Middlebury college in the class of '60. He has held nearly all the different town offices from selectman down; he was justice of the peace and town agent for the town at the time of his death. He has filled many other important offices in the county. Mr. Green was a staunch democrat and his name has been on the state and county tickets several times.

'62. Dr. Charles C. Smith is still practising medicine at Gaysville, Vt., where he has been located since 1866.

'62. Rev. Richard S. Holmes, D. D., spent part of February and March in Florida at the Palm Beach Inn seeking restoration from an attack of the grippe. Dr. Holmes is pastor of one of the strongest churches in the Presbyterian general assembly. He will be at the centennial in 1900.

'65. The death of John G. McIntyre, a trustee of the college, occurred March 13 at Long Beach, Southern California, where he had gone for his health. We are unable to obtain full particulars of his life in time for this issue, but will give an extended account in the next.

'72. Dr. E. L. Walker, who has practiced medicine in Bristol, Vt., since 1897, has located at North Beekmantown, N. Y.

'73. Prof. W. I. Twitchell of Hartford, Conn., has recently published a new historical reader entitled "Hartford in History."

'80. We are glad to note the good fortune of John C. Scofield, who has just been promoted to be the chief clerk of the war department at Washington. The Boston *Herald* gives the following account of him: "Mr. Scofield was born on his father's farm at Pittsford, Vt., Dec. 27, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia and at Middlebury, Vt.; was graduated from Middlebury college in the class of 1880, and is a member of the Chi Psi college fraternity. After graduation he went to Eastman, Ga., as cashier and bookkeeper of a large winter resort hotel, of which his father was proprietor. Subsequently he became principal of the academy at Eastman. In 1884 he came to Washington as a clerk in the office of the surgeon-general of the army. He remained in the surgeon general's office nearly six years In the early part of Senator Proctor's incumbency of the office of secretary of war Mr. Scofield was detailed to duty in the correspondence division of the secretary's office. The surgeon-general at the time told Secretary Proctor that he parted with Mr. Scofield with great reluctance. In consequence of his proficiency in shorthand and typewriting, and his general information concerning departmental matters, he was detailed by Chief Clerk Tweedale to temporary duty under Gen. L. A. Grant, then assistant secretary of war, who made the assignment permanent, and since that date Mr. Scofield has been continuously on duty as chief clerk to the assistant secretary of war. His executive capacity and his general popularity find ample evidence in the satisfaction that has been generally expressed at his promotion. Mr. Scofield is a graduate of the law school of Columbia University, and has been admitted to the bar of the supreme court of the District of Columbia. He is a royal arch Mason".

'82. Rev. Henry E. Howard has been obliged to lay aside active work in the ministry for the last four years on account of ill health, but has now recovered and is again engaged in his chosen work.

'83. The *Union Gospel News* for March 16 has an excellent article on "The Hairy Ainu," one of the aboriginal races of Japan.

'84. Washington, D. C., has ten scientific societies with a total membership of 1742. In 1898,

when it was decided to form a higher scientific body to be called the Washington Academy of Sciences, Dr. F. H. Knowlton was elected by ballot of all the societies as one of the seventy-five founders of the Academy. Dr. Knowlton has been an officer of the Biological Society of Washington for nearly twelve years. His position under the government is Assistant Paleontologist in the United States Geological survey, his specialty being upper Cretaceous and Tertiary fossil plants. He has published numberless papers on this subject, among them being a Fossil Flora of the Yellowstone National Park, Fossil Flora of Alaska, etc. He is editor-in-chief of *Plant World*, now in its second year.

'89. L. W. Austin was married not long since to Miss Laura A. Osborne of La Crosse, Wis.

'89. The Middlebury *Register* of recent date prints the following under the head of "Honor for a Middlebury Boy": "Robert Moore Collins, a former resident of Middlebury and graduate of the college in the class of '89, has been put in charge of the entire Associated Press service in the Philippine Islands and is on his way to begin the duties of a very responsible position. The appointment is most welcome to the friends in college and community who have watched his steady progress in the newspaper field and crowns a series of successes rarely equaled by a graduate of less than ten years' standing. His newspaper career has been most eventful and affords abundant evidence of his sterling worth: three years in the press galleries of the national capital, three conventions in the last presidential campaign, and many miscellaneous assignments of national importance—such in part is the record of his Associated Press work in the United States. At the time of the Queen's Jubilee he was sent to London, where he remained till the meetings of the peace commission in Paris, when he assumed the management in that city, as he does now in the service at the Philippines. In the journey to his new post he was to cross the continent to Brindisi, catch a steamer for Alexandria, and board the United States transport Grant at some station on the Suez canal. In a very complimentary paragraph the Washington *Post* states that his selection for the present work is a recognition of Mr. Collins's brilliant services in the Associated Press employ, and adds that he is known as a vigorous and expressive writer of good English, a newspaper man of rare judgment and discretion, and a bright and clever companion. Middlebury will watch with special interest his career in the far east, and those who know him best are most certain that he will win new favor in the new field."

'90. A current issue of the *New York Education* contains the report on the "Revision of the Regents' Syllabus," given at the Principals' Conference, Syracuse, N. Y., recently by Frank D. Boynton, chairman of the committee. Mr. Boynton is very well known as an active and energetic worker in educational circles.

'92. Prof. Alexander MacDonald of St. Regis Falls was at the college the first of the month, taking examinations in order to secure an A. M.

'93. J. Donoway has opened a law office in the Court House Building.

'93. George L. Hasseltine, a student in the Boston University Law School, visited his brother here at college the last of the term.

'93. In regard to the proposed reorganization as given in the last issue, Edgar R. Brown writes as follows:

"I have noted with much satisfaction and interest your editorial in the February UNDERGRADUATE regarding a change in the number on the editorial staff. The number should consist of an editor-in-chief and two assistants, with clearly defined duties and responsibilities for each. There is no room in a live college paper for dead wood; there should be provision therefore for the immediate removal from the board of such editors as have outlived their period of usefulness. One of the most vivid recollections of my college days in the complacency and self satisfaction with which associate editors as a rule received alike their own election and the pitiable spectacle of an overworked chief, getting together four-fifths of the matter for an issue, rather than to beg for copy."

'95. W. H. Eldredge now holds the position of treasurer of the Proctor Trust Company, and is also town and village treasurer of Proctor.

'95. E. L Cushman, who has occupied the position of instructor in French and German in the Westerleigh Collegiate Institute, is now instructor in English in the Hasbrouck Institute, Jersey City, N. J.

'96. Charles E. Fitzpatrick starts in a few weeks for Butte, Mont., where he will begin to practice law.

'98. H. A. Hinman is now an instructor at the Kentucky Military Institute, situated at Lyndon, Ky.

'69–'71–'74–'76–'77–'88. The reports of the ninth annual reunion and banquet of the Vermont Association of Minnesota state that the occasion was one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the association. Over 200 guests sat at the tables and listened to the post prandial program. Lieut.-Gov. Lyndon A. Smith stated that there are over 8000 sons and daughters of Vermont in Minnesota. The names of the following Middlebury men are in the list of the various committees having the banquet in charge: Principal Henry S. Baker, '69, St. Paul; Professor Christopher W. Hall, '71, the University of Minnesota; Dean Loren H. Batchelder, '74, Hamline University; Hon. Willard R. Cray, '76, Minneapolis; Rev. Calvin B Moody, '77, Minneapolis; Hazen M. Parker, Esq., '80, Minneapolis.

THE UNDERGRADUATE REORGANIZATION.

At a meeting held March 18, the long proposed reorganization of the UNDERGRADUATE was consummated by the adoption by the association of a new constitution embodying the proposed improvements.

The value to the college of a good publication is well realized and the faculty have shown their interest, in a practical way, as will be seen by the following report of their action:

"If the editorial board be reduced to an editor-in-chief and three assistants, and the head of the English department in the college be made an advisory member of the editorial and business boards, the following exemptions will be granted:

1. The editor-in-chief shall be excused from any four rhetorical exercises during his year of service; it being understood that there will be no interference with prize-speaking preliminaries or Junior Exhibition.

2. The assistant editors shall be excused from one rhetorical exercise each term with the same proviso.

3. The above exemptions may be withdrawn for cause at the discretion of the authorities."

The good effects of the new order of things has been already seen in the large amount of matter submitted during the last two issues. This has been greater than at any previous time for years. The contest has been very close and the successful competitors have well earned their positions.

In order that all the provisions of the constitution may be well understood, we print it entire below. We call attention to those sections which prescribe the rules of the competition for editorial positions, and especially to the first requirement, that the competitor must be a member of the association, which in this case is simply a subscriber. This is a most reasonable rule, for it is certainly the least a man can do to show his interest in his college paper.

THE CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of promoting literary culture among the students and in order to bind the alumni more closely to their Alma Mater, this association is organized in connection with Middlebury college.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

This association shall be known as the UNDERGRADUATE Association.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

SEC. 1. Any student of Middlebury college may become a member of the association by subscribing for the UNDERGRADUATE.

SEC. 2. No member shall be allowed to vote at the annual meeting unless his subscription is paid up to the date of said meeting.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

SEC. 1. The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, a business manager and one assistant business manager.

SEC. 2. All officers shall be elected the last Saturday of the Winter term and shall serve for one year.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Officers.

SEC 1. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association and shall call special meetings at the request of any member, notice of which shall be posted on the bulletin board at least one day, and shall perform other customary duties of the office.

SEC. 2. The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of that officer, and with the president and the advisory member of the faculty shall audit the accounts of the business manager.

SEC. 3. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings of the association in the secretary's book and shall report the same at the next regular meeting.

SEC. 4. The business manager shall have the financial management of the UNDERGRADUATE and shall report to the association at each annual meeting. His books shall always be open to the inspection of any member of the association.

SEC. 5. The assistant business manager shall assist the business manager in his work.

ARTICLE V.

Editors.

SEC. 1. There shall be four editors of the UNDERGRADUATE: an editor-in-chief and three assistant editors.

SEC. 2. The editor-in-chief shall have the literary management of the UNDERGRADUATE. The assistant editors shall perform such work as is assigned to them by the editor-in-chief and may also contribute to any other department. The editor-in-chief shall assign work impartially and shall keep all manuscripts bearing date of the issue for which they were submitted.

SEC. 3. In the temporary or permanent withdrawal of the editor-in-chief the vacancy shall be filled from its own number by the editorial board as elected. The advisory member is empowered to vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE VI.

Time of Electing Editors.

SEC. 1. The board of editors shall be elected by the retiring board on the first Friday afternoon after the March number is in the hands of the printer, at such a place as the editor-in-chief shall designate.

SEC. 2. A majority vote of the retiring board shall be necessary for an election. On the morning immediately following the election the retiring editor-in-chief shall post, on the college bulletin board, a list of the editors elected.

SEC. 3. In case any person competing is not satisfied with the decision of the retiring board he may appeal to a committee of four, said committee to be made up of the retiring editor-in-chief and three members of the faculty who are not members of any fraternity represented in Middlebury college. A majority vote of the committee is necessary to sustain the appeal. The appeal to be valid must be made in writing to the retiring editor-in-chief before twelve o'clock on the Monday night following the election.

ARTICLE VII.

Competition.

SEC. 1. The editors of the UNDERGRADUATE shall be chosen upon the following basis of competition: In order to be eligible the competitor must be a member of the association at the beginning of the year and must contribute matter for at least two numbers preceding the March (or last) issue before the election.

SEC. 2. The quality and amount of matter written *expressly* for the UNDERGRADUATE. The quality shall be an important factor, and in questions regarding this the advisory member of the faculty shall have final decision.

SEC. 3. In close competition the one having submitted matter for the most issues in the year preceding his election shall have the preference.

SEC. 4. All original matter submitted, whether printed or not, shall count equally in the competition.

ARTICLE VIII.

Free Copies.

SEC. 1. The editor-in-chief and the business manager shall each be entitled to five, and the assistant editors and the assistant business manager each to three free copies of each number of the UNDERGRADUATE. Each of the fraternities in college shall be given one free copy of each issue and one copy to be mailed to their respective national magazines.

ARTICLE IX.

Supervision.

SEC. 1. The head of the English department in the college shall be an advisory member of the editorial and business boards of the UNDERGRADUATE, and the report of the business manager shall have his approval before it shall be accepted by the association.

ARTICLE X.

Interpretation.

SEC. 1. In all cases of dispute as to the meaning of any part of this constitution, the interpretation of said part shall be left to the advisory member and his decision shall be final.

ARTICLE XI.

Quorum.

SEC. 1. One-fourth of the total membership of the association shall constitute a quorum to do business.

ARTICLE XII.

Amendments.

SEC. 1. Amendments to this constitution may be made upon receiving a three-fourths vote of the total members present at a meeting duly called, provided that said amendments have been read before the association at least one week before being voted upon.

CHI PSI CONVENTION.

The fifty-eighth annual convention of the Chi Psi Fraternity was held at Washington, D. C., Feb. 28, March 1 and 2.

Owing to the time and place a larger number than usual of Chi Psi's honored alumni were enabled to join with the delegates during the convention and at the banquet. The first night at the capital the delegates with their alumni friends repaired to the theatre where boxes were in waiting, and on Wednesday evening the annual "Smoker" took place.

The stay at the capital afforded many opportunities to the visitors. They were enabled to witness both the senate and the house during the last struggles of a notable session, and upon March 2 President McKinley laid aside his urgent duties and received the delegates at the White House. Commodore Gerry, president of the "Gerry society" of New York city, presided at the banquet, and among the names upon the toast list were those of Commodore Edwin Stewart, Hon. Charles H. Allen, Gen. Henry Duffield, Speaker Thomas Reed and Hon. Melville W. Fuller, Chief Justice of United States Supreme Court.

L. R. Howard, '99, who was the delegate from Alpha Mu, reports Middlebury well represented. Among her sons who attended the banquet were: N. W. Ambrose, '58, non-grad; Myron L. Story, '63,

Amos W. Hart, '63, non-grad; Horace F. White, '69 and John C. Scofield, '80.

The delegates were entertained by the Washington Alumni association at the Hotel Raleigh, where they were given innumerable liberties and were accorded every attention.

JUNIOR EXHIBITION.

The annual Junior Exhibition was given by the Class of 1900 at the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, March 28. Despite the bad weather a large audience was present. The programme was as follows:

OVERTURE, *Welcome*

ORATION, *Our Debt to a Great Man*
ARTHUR EDWARD BATCHELDER.

ESSAY, *The Harmony of Life*
RENA ISOBEL BISBEE.

ORATION, *A Trick of Nature*
WILLIAM THOMAS BARNARD.

ORATION, *Are We Losing the West?*
FREDERICK HOWARD BRYANT.

ESSAY, *Cardinal de Richelieu*
FLORENCE MAY ANDREWS.

WALTZES, *Lovely Cuba*

ORATION, *The Influence of the Individual*
EDWARD CLARENDON HOOKER.

ESSAY, *Word Painting*
CONSTANCE FANNIE BARKER.

ORATION, *The Country Influence*
AMOS BUSH WILLMARTH.

ORATION, *Puritanism Triumphant*
LOUIS WELLINGTON SEVERY.

ESSAY, *Is Love for Nature Inborn or Acquired?*
FRANCES ELISABETH NICHOLS.

ORATION, *Political Independence*
JOHN EDWARD STETSON.

MUSIC, *The Butterfly Morceau*

ESSAY, *A Modern Athens*
FLORENCE MAY HEMENWAY.

ORATION, *Political Righteousness*
GUY BERTRAM HORTON.

ORATION, *A Look at the Past*
CHARLES EVERETT WHEELER.

ESSAY, *If I Were You*
BELLE ELIZABETH WRIGHT.

ORATION, *A Repetition in History*
SAMUEL BOOTH BOTSFORD.

MARCH, *Juuior Republic*

The entire programme was well rendered, President Brainerd presiding and announcing the speakers. The following honor-list of the class was printed: Herbert Eli Boyce, Guy Bertram Horton, Amos Bush Willmarth, Clara Belle Andrews, Florence May Andrews, Rena Isobel Bisbee, Sara Vincent Mann, Frances Elisabeth Nichols, Alice May Smith, Belle Elizabeth Wright.

After the exhibition the Junior Hop was given, Vittum's orchestra of five pieces furnishing music, and Taylor doing the catering. About twenty-five couples were present, and a very enjoyable time was had. Among the ladies were Miss Baker, Miss Brainerd, Miss Alice Brainerd, Miss Brewster, Miss Brooks, Miss Child, Miss Cushman, Miss Deuel, Miss Hadley, Miss Merrill, Miss Miner, Miss Potter, Miss Smith, the Misses Taft, Miss Thomas, Miss Bessie Thomas, Miss Wainwright, Miss Walker, from the college and town; and Miss Allen of Proctor, Miss Bushey of Rutland, Miss Poor of Poultney and Miss Torrey of Worcester, Mass.

A ROMAN DRAMA.

A second convention of Latin teachers similar to that given last year is being arranged for the coming May, at which teachers not only from Vermont but from neighboring states will be present. Several who attended and took part last year are preparing material and looking expectantly forward to the one this year. Everything, in fact, points to an instructive and enthusiastic convention.

Last year the Sophomore class, dressed in Roman costume, sang an ode of Horace and two original Latin songs. This year students from all classes will undertake what we believe has never yet been attempted in any college—a representation in the form of a drama of some of the notable events in the life of Cicero and especially those connected with the conspiracy of Catiline. The primary aim is to bring Roman life and manners vividly before teachers of Latin.

The drama is composed from Cicero's orations, Sallust's Catiline, and every other available authority. A committee having it in charge is preparing to issue in pamphlet form the drama together with an English translation. The costumes committees are studying photographs of statuary, carvings, and paintings, consulting books of reference, and experimenting with various materials. Other committees are in charge of the scenery and stage furnishings.

Owing to the small seating capacity of the college chapel as well as the large amount of stage room necessary, this part of the convention will be held at

the town hall. The stage there will be enlarged and otherwise arranged for the purpose. The services of Charles W. Witham of New York city have been secured to paint the scenery and give valuable suggestions as to stage effects. Mr. Witham is a man of great experience and ability. He was for many years the leading scenic artist with Edwin Booth and painted many of the great Roman scenes used in Mr. Booth's plays, both at the winter garden on Broadway and at Booth's theatre; he also served in a similar capacity with Lawrence Barrett and in the employ of the noted manager, Henry Abbey.

The expense of hiring such a talented man will be great, if no mention is made of such other items as costume and stage properties, but the instruction which Latin teachers and all educators will receive by visiting ancient Rome, as it were, will outweigh all such considerations. As to labor, only those engaged in it can estimate it. The time and hard work is forgotten by the students and Professor Sanford in their enthusiasm.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The past year has been a prosperous one for the association. Faithful committee work and a good degree of interest on the part of all the members has been shown. The classes in Mission and Bible study have proved to be of help and value.

Besides the monthly missionary meetings the Saturday Club has been directly in charge of the missionary committee. At one of the recent meetings of the club a tea was given for the children and their mothers.

The prospects for the delegation to the Northfield conference next summer are very bright, as there is a sum of of over fifty dollars in the treasury to be used to assist in the payment of delegates' expenses.

Through the efforts of the missionary committee six new books on missions have been added to the association library. These were purchased with money given by alumnae who were members of the association. The Mission Study class have completed the course on "Social Evils of the Non-Christian World", and are about to take up one entitled "The Planting and Development of Mission Churches".

At the annual election of officers the following were elected:

President,	Miss Hemenway, 1900
Vice-President,	Miss Bates, 1900
Recording Secretary,	Miss Landon, 1901
Corresponding Secretary,	Miss Cornish, 1901
Treasurer,	Miss A. M. Smith, 1900
Chairman New Students' Committee,	Miss Williams, 1902
Chairman Membership Committee,	Miss C. B. Andrews, 1900
Chairman Reception Committee,	Miss Curtis, 1900
Chairman Bible Study Committee,	Miss Brooks, 1901
Chairman Missionary Committee,	Miss Barrett, 1902
Chairman Devotional Committee,	Miss Walker, 1901
Chairman "Evangel" Committee,	Miss Hall, 1902
Chairman Rooms and Library,	Miss James, 1901
Chairman Finance Committee,	Miss A. M. Smith, 1900

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

At the Inter-State Convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Vermont and New Hampshire, held at Laconia, N. H., Feb. 24–28, J. E. Parker, 1901, represented the college association. The delegate's report as given March 6 showed one hundred and fifty delegates present,—thirty representing seven schools and colleges. At this meeting the Inter-State League between New Hampshire and Vermont, which has previously existed, was changed to a Tri-State League, Maine having been admitted.

The officers elected for the coming year are:

President,	Guy B. Horton, 1900
Vice-President,	W. M. Barnard, 1901
Secretary,	J. A. Wilcox, 1902
Treasurer,	J. E. Parker, 1901

The committees are: Membership, J. E. Parker, 1901, J. A. Wilcox, 1902, T. A. Carlson, 1900; Bible study, F. H. Allen, 1900, F. A. Simmons, 1902, A. C. Sheldon, 1902; devotional, W. T. Barnard, 1900, E. A. Baker, 1902, F. B. Miner, 1902; missionary, F. D. Chatterton, 1900, E. C. Hooker, 1900, W. M. Barnard, 1901.

LIBRARY NOTES.

President Brainerd has contributed to the library reading room a subscription to *Rhodora*, the journal of the New England Botanical Club, the January number of which contained an article from his pen which was noticed in our last issue.

The "Life and Letters of Roscoe Conkling," which is noted in our list of recent accessions, was presented to the library by Rev. A. B. Potter, formerly pastor of the Baptist church of Middlebury. He was an appreciative patron of the library while here, and his departure to another field of labor is much regretted.

RECENT ACCESSIONS.

Hermann.	Louisiana purchase.
Conkling.	Life and letters of Roscoe Conkling.
Harkness.	Latin grammar, rev. edition.
Brummer.	Lexicon der deutschen dichter und prosaisten, 2 vol.
George.	Perplexed philosopher.
———	Progress and poverty.
———	Social problems.
———	Land question; Property in land; Condition of labor.
Rolfe, ed.	Shakespeare's Henry IV, part 1.
———	" Henry IV, part 2.
———	" Henry V.
———	" Richard III.
———	" Cymbeline.
———	" Love's labour's lost.
Ward, trans.	Amiel's Journal intime, 2 vol.
Parkhurst.	Our fight with Tammany.

LOCALS.

Several of the students went home and voted March 7.

Professor and Mrs. McGilton spent a few days in Boston recently.

Lawrence, 1901, has charge of the reading room for the next term.

Professor Burt spent the Easter vacation at Harvard, in original research.

Miss Evelyn Dean, 1900, has rejoined her class after an absence of a part of the year.

Perrigo, 1901, has left college. He intends to enter a medical college next fall.

The Seniors have adopted caps and gowns and will appear in them the coming term.

President Brainerd occupied the pulpit in the Congregational church at Vergennes, March 12.

B. L. Stafford, 1901, has been elected captain of the base ball team in place of Wells, '98, who resigned.

Gymnasium work under the direction of B. L. Stafford, 1901, is being continued by those contending for positions on the base ball team.

President Brainerd went to Potsdam, N. Y., Tuesday, March 21, to attend the funeral of John G. McIntyre. Mr. McIntyre was a trustee of the college.

Miner, 1902, was away from college for a time this term, sick with the jaundice; and Baker, 1902, was absent several weeks on account of the illness of his mother.

Professor Burt has been invited to deliver five lectures on Fleshy Fungi at Wood's Hole next summer in the advanced course on plant morphology and physiology.

The usual number of representatives of the different publishing companies have been at work among the students of late. Several have signed contracts for the coming summer.

Professor Wright has organized a literary club composed of Juniors and Seniors. Weekly meetings, commencing Saturday evening, March 4, have been held at the professor's residence.

The college is in a good position to advertise itself, as it has a regular correspondent for the Burlington *Free Press* and the Rutland *Evening News*. There is also an Associated Press correspondent.

Professor Howard attended the banquet of the Buffalo Vermonter's club Feb. 17, and gave the principle address of the evening. His subject was "Justin S. Morrill". Professor Howard also delivered a lecture on "The Ideal Man" at Chester, Vt., March 8.

T. A. Carlson, 1900, lectured at the Congregational church on the evening of March 1 to an appreciative audience on the subject of the Hawaiian Islands. The lecture was illustrated with many stereopticon views, showing the natural scenery, public buildings and industrial features of our new territory. These views were described by Mr. Carlson in a graphic and interesting manner.

The annual meeting of the UNDERGADUATE association was held March 25. The report of the business manager showed an excellent improvement in the financial condition of the paper. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, W. T. Barnard, 1900; vice president, L. W. Severy, 1900; secretary, Miss F. M. Hemenway, 1900; business manager, J. E. Stetson, 1900; assistant business manager, J. E. Parker, 1901.

THE CENTENNIAL.

Elaborate preparations for this event are being made, and due notice of them will be given as soon as they are completed. The following letter is being sent to all living alumni as far as the addresses are known :

DEAR GRADUATE :—Middlebury College, as you are aware, will reach her one hundredth year of existence in 1900. It is the plan of the college to celebrate this occasion in a worthy manner. The trustees have appointed a centennial committee and the Associated Alumni have done the same. These two committees are cooperating in arranging for this celebration. Although it is too early to make final arrangements in detail, yet the general character of the exercises has been outlined. In order to secure as large an attendance as possible, it has been decided to have Commencement one week later than it would naturally come and to have it in connection with the centennial.

It has been proposed to have on Sunday exercises of a religious character, on Monday several papers or discussions by prominent educators upon subjects of living interest, on Tuesday the graduating exercises of the class of 1900, and on Wednesday the centennial oration by a distinguished alumnus, followed by the centennial dinner.

A prominent feature of the occasion will be the return of the graduates. Middlebury College will be glad to welcome back to their Alma Mater all of her children and to help them in renewing the memories of former times. It is hoped that each class will make arrangements for a class-meeting. Most of the classes have no organization and therefore the centennial committee will take the liberty, in such cases, to select, a little later, one in each class to correspond with his classmates with a view to securing a large attendance at a reunion. The college has taken great pains to get the addresses of the living graduates as far as possible and will be glad to afford such information on this point as it possesses.

In recent years many changes have been made and in all ways the college is better equipped for her work than ever before. This has been effected through the generosity of her friends. Money has already been given for a library building ; the college intends to begin its erection soon and expects to dedicate it at the centennial.

EZRA BRAINERD,
Chairman of the Centennial Committee.

THE COLLEGE WORLD.

The University of California is erecting an observatory for students' work, both graduate and non-graduate, on a scale heretofore unattempted. There is to be a central dome twenty-five feet in diameter with a sixteen-inch telescope. There will also be four other similar domes for ten and six-inch telescopes. Rooms for fifty students are to be provided and all modern astronomical appliances furnished.

Harvard University has 411 officers and 4660 students, an increase of 84 students over last year.

A resolution has been passed by the trustees of the Columbia University which limits the admission to the law school to college graduates. This change is to take effect in 1903.

The new catalogue of the University of Pennsylvania, about to be issued, will show that there are 258 officers, 2790 students, of whom 1337 are in the departments of medicine and dentistry There are in the school of art 365 ; in the Towne scientific school 284, and in the department of philosophy 158 students.—Ex.

The annual report of the inspector general of the army recently made public shows some interesting facts concerning college men in the war with Spain. It says that 15,000 students are being annually trained in practical and theoretical military service in private and public schools and colleges. The presidents of forty-six of these colleges, whose military departments numbered 7100 students, reported that twenty-nine of their regular students and fifty-nine alumni had been commissioned in the regular army, and 157 students and 296 alumni in the volunteer army, a total of 541 officers, or enough for about twelve regiments. Further, 1084 students and ex-students joined the army as non-commissioned officers or privates. Accepting these statistics as a fair average, it would appear, says the report, that the regular and volunteer armies secured from the students annually instructed by regular army officers at the various colleges enough officers for twenty-four regiments.

United States Commissioner of Education Harris reports that for the year 1896-97 the total enrollment of students in the public and private schools, academies, colleges and universities of this country amounted to 16,255,093 pupils. In 1872 only five hundred persons in a million were enrolled in colleges, but in 1897 the number had risen to twelve hundred and sixteen in a million. Considering that

the standard of admission to colleges has been considerably raised during that period, it is estimated that the number of students at colleges and universities is three times greater than it was twent-five years ago, and that the number pursuing post-graduate courses is twenty-five times as large as it was in 1872.

The total donations made to colleges in the United States this year to date amounts to the large sum of 10,861,152, which includes only donations of $5,000 and upwards.

President McKinley has received the degree of Doctor of Lews from the following institutions: Ohio Wesleyan University, Alleghany College, McKendall College, Yale University and the University of Chicago.

One-third of the university students of Europe die permaturely from the effects of bad habits acquired while at school; one-third die from the want of exercise; and the other third govern Europe.

The University of Paris, with her 11,090 students, has the largest register of any university in the world. Others follow in the following order: Berlin, 9629; Vienna, 7026; Madrid, 6143; Naples, 5103; Moscow, 4461; Harvard, 3674; Oxford, 3365, Cambridge, 1929; Edinburgh, 2840.

DRIFTING.

In the summer twilight,
She and I
Drifting on the river,
Ne'er a sigh.

In the twinkling starlight
She and I
Gaze at one another
Lovingly.

In the dreamy darkness
She and I
Sitting close together,
Cupid nigh.

In the silvery moonlight
She and I;
Cupid shoots his arrow--
Happy I. *Tuftonian.*

WOODLAND SONG.

Oh, haste to the woodlands away!
Haste, for the morn is bright and clear!
Flowerets fair
And the fragrant air
Will chase away our every fear.
Then haste to the woodland deep,
Where violets fair and bluebells sleep,
Where merry music's never done
'Till sinks away the setting sun!

Oh, haste to the woodlands away!
Haste ere the fleeting time goes by!
We'll vigil keep
Where bluebells sleep,
And list to the brooklet singing nigh.

Then off to the shady, sylvan dell,
Where chimes the lily's silver bell
Amid the fragrance of the flowers
And the music of the leafy bowers.

Haste to the woodlands away!
Haste away! Haste away!
Let mirthful hearts and jollity
With music fill the day.

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